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For: METHOD, COMPUTER, PROGRAM,)
AND APPARATUS FOR MANAGING A)
PLURALITY OF ACTIVE DEVICES)
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I am a person skilled in the art of functional, operational and mechanical aspects of various types of ports included in computer/network devices.

I am familiar with the subject matter described and claimed in this application. The disclosed embodiments of the presently claimed invention include methods directed to the

management of multiple active devices, wherein each of the active device includes a management port, and device/system having multiple management ports coupled to multiple active devices.

Prior to the conception of the presently claimed invention, the term "management port" has been widely used and accepted in the technical area of device management as "a Port designated for Data Visualization and Command input in a network device. This port has duplex communication and, in data network equipments for enterprises, it is isolated from the functionality of the other ports of the device

The commands entered through a Management Port are orders the user gives to a device for executing programmed functions

The key aspects that differentiate a Management port from any other kind of port are:

It's not a port exclusively for input or output, it's both because requires two ways communication.

It allows the visualization of events that happens in a device

Its main function is to allow the user to input commands for managing a device".

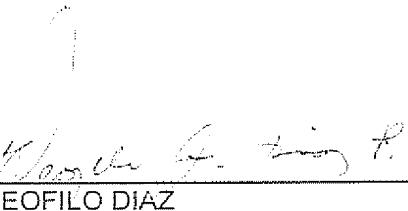
"Managing a Device" with management port can be defined as:

"The process of interacting with the operating system or the main control program of a device for inputting commands that allows to get information about events, registries or configurations in the device, and/or inputting commands for configuring, saving or executing actions in the device "

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